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## A PUBLIC FORUM TO EXAMINE

Coordination between the schools and Vocational Rehabilitation:

## INCREASING EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

new federal law, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), seeks to help job seekers to receive employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. A major component of WIOA is to improve opportunities for employment of people with disabilities, with a particular emphasis on services for transition aged students.

Under WIOA, the Vocational Rehabilitation program must dedicate a portion of its federal funding to provide pre-employment transition services. These services include job exploration, counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on post-secondary opportunities, workplace readiness training, and training on self-advocacy. All these services must be coordinated with local school districts.

This public forum focuses on developing approaches for Vocational Rehabilitation and school coordination at the local level.

The forum is sponsored by the State Rehabilitation Council-General, the citizen council that advises Vocational Rehabilitation.

A flyer with more detail will be available in early September. Remote access to this meeting will be available.

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